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TAGS:HU, US, PFOR, SCUL

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. BILLY GRAHAM

REF: STATE 183585

1. AUGUST 16 WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES CARRY  
PROMINENT ARTICLES ANNOUNCING, THAT THE GRAHAM VISIT  
TO HUNGARY WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 3-10.

2. DR. GRAHAM CALLED HUNGARIAN DESK OFFICER AUGUST 16  
TO APPRISE HIM OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. GRAHAM IS VERY  
PLEASED BY HUNGARIAN DECISION TO "UPGRADE" HIS VISIT  
AND RECEIVE HIM ON HIGHER LEVEL. ACCORDING TO GRAHAM  
US MEDIA HAVE GREAT INTEREST IN THE VISIT; ABC MAY SENT  
TELEVISION CREW TO HUNGARY, NY TIMES MAY SEND RELIGION  
EDITOR KENNETH A. BRIGGS (WHO WROTE TIMES AUGUST 16 PIECE).

3. DR. GRAHAM NOTED THAT THE HUNGARIANS (ESPECIALLY DR.  
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POLOTAY) HAD EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN US ATTITUDES TO-  
WARD THE CROWN AND MFN. DR. GRAHAM REQUESTED AND RECEIVED  
BRIEFING ON US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AND THE MFN QUESTION,  
BUT HE WISHED PURPOSELY TO AVOID ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE  
SENSITIVE CROWN ISSUE.

4. DR. GRAHAM HOPES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AMBASSADOR

AND EMBASSY STAFF DURING VISIT, BUT HE DOES NOT WISH ANY  
APPEARANCE OF LINKAGE BETWEEN HIS TRIP AND USG - SO NO  
FORMAL EMBASSY BRIEFINGS WILL BE NEEDED. VANCE

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